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Notice Of Solicitation Of Public Comment

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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is soliciting public comment on the Draft 2006 Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The Draft 2006 Intended Use Plan describes how the state intends to use available DWSRF funds for the year to meet the objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act and further the goal of protecting public health.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 authorize the DWSRF to assist public water systems to finance the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with the SDWA requirements and to protect public health. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) awards capitalization grants to states, which allows the state to provide low cost loans and other types of assistance to eligible water systems. In order to receive grant funds from USEPA, the state must prepare an Intended Use Plan and provide it to the public for review and comment. The Division has developed the Intended Use Plan as a planning tool to distribute the federal funding allocation to the "account for the revolving fund" for the loan fund and to the "account for set-aside programs" for various other administrative and technical assistance purposes.

Written public comments should be submitted by January 20, 2006. The Draft 2006 Intended Use Plan may be obtained in person, by mail, or by calling (775) 687-9488. Questions or comments should be directed to:

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A copy of this notice and Draft 2006 Intended Use Plan are available for inspection and/or may be copied at the following location during normal business hours:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection 901 S. Stewart St. Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249 Copies of this notice have also been posted at the following locations:

- Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Carson City
- Division of Water Resources Office, 850 Elm Street, Elko
- Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Las Vegas
- State Library & Archives, 100 N Stewart Street, Carson City

The notice and Draft 2006 Intended Use Plan may also be viewed on the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's <u>Website</u>